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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2001.

A petition for a one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**In the specification:**

Please delete the section beginning on page 12, line 4, through page 13, line 2.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.